

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12-14. These claims are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 5, and 8 are rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gasbarror et al (US 5,432,823) in view of Bevan et al (US 7,372,832). Claim 11 is rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gasbarror in view of Bevan and Mukkerjee et al (US 2003/0037194).

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12 are amended by rewriting them in independent form including all of the limitations of independent claims 1, 5, 8, and 11, respectively. Claims 4, 13, and 14 are amended to change their dependencies. Claims 1, 5, 8, and 11 are canceled.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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